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Omaha Area CoC Beginnings

- CoC for Douglas, Sarpy and Pottawattamie Counties begun by Omaha City Planning Department in the mid 90's
- In 2006, city leadership of CoC ended
- The community determined next steps for the CoC
 - Create a nonprofit to lead the CoC
 - Goals identified for new CoC lead agency, MACCH



Who is MACCH?

Mission: To lead our community to prevent and end homelessness for each person and family

- Board of 20 directors - providers, public officials, funders, mainstream resources, people who are formerly homeless, etc.
- Two staff
- \$200,000 budget, primarily local foundation funding
- Nonprofit, Membership Organization
- 10 Volunteer Task Forces
- Coordinate Continuum of Care for the Homeless Process, HUD NOFA and associated activities through the year \$2.3 million (71% more than the previous year)

Mission: Leading our community to prevent and end homelessness for each person and family

"Homes For All"
Omaha/Council Bluffs 10 -Year Plan to End Homelessness

Community Stake Holders

People who experience homelessness
Homeless and prevention service providers
Funders
Community advocates
City, County, State government
Members comprise dues paying organizations and individuals

MACCH Board of Directors

Decision Makers/Broad Policy decisions
Meet monthly
20 Board Members
Fiscal Accountability, Strategic Planning
Review Compensation Structure for MACCH
Select/Review Executive Director
Approve articles and bylaws
Ex officio nonvoting member (Executive Director)

Board Committees

Executive
Finance
Fund Development
Marketing and Ten year Plan Oversight
Governance
Membership

Executive Director

Assistance Director

Volunteer Task Forces

Consumer
Advisory
Task Force

Prevention
Task Force

Cultural
Competency
Task Force

Youth
Task
Force

Housing and
Services
Coordination
Task Force

Performance
Measures Task
Force

Chronic Home-
lessness
Task
Force

Housing
Directors
Task
Force

Housing
Pipeline
Task
Force

Point In
Time
Count



MACCH Beginnings

Wilder Report, study of homelessness in our region highlighted the need for:

- A plan to reduce or end homelessness
- Increase permanent housing options compared to emergency and transitional housing
- Increase prevention
- Utilize mainstream resources more
- Understand service population needs

Nationally, communities that have plans to end homelessness find:

- Fewer people experience homelessness
- Consensus focuses efforts and creates accountability for results



10 - Year Plan to End Homelessness

Closing the front door to
homelessness (Prevention)
and

Opening the back door to
homelessness (Rapid exit through
housing & support)



When developing our plan, we considered our regional homeless data

- Studies about prevention of homelessness for families and individuals
- Affordable housing data
- Top reasons people report contributing to their homelessness
- Understanding homeless from the people who experience it



Affordable Housing

Compare:

FMR for one bedroom apt. **\$569**

○ Homeless median income **\$100**

○ Median income for those
homeless and employed **\$575**

○ Income for homeless
receiving SSI **\$653**



Top 5 Reasons for Homelessness

In-Depth Survey Omaha Area	Project Homeless Connect, Omaha	National Data
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of a job• Lack of affordable housing• Credit problems• Substance abuse• Criminal background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of a job• Substance abuse• Eviction• Mental health• Medical condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of affordable housing• Poverty• Domestic violence• Mental health• Substance abuse



Omaha Metro Point in Time Count

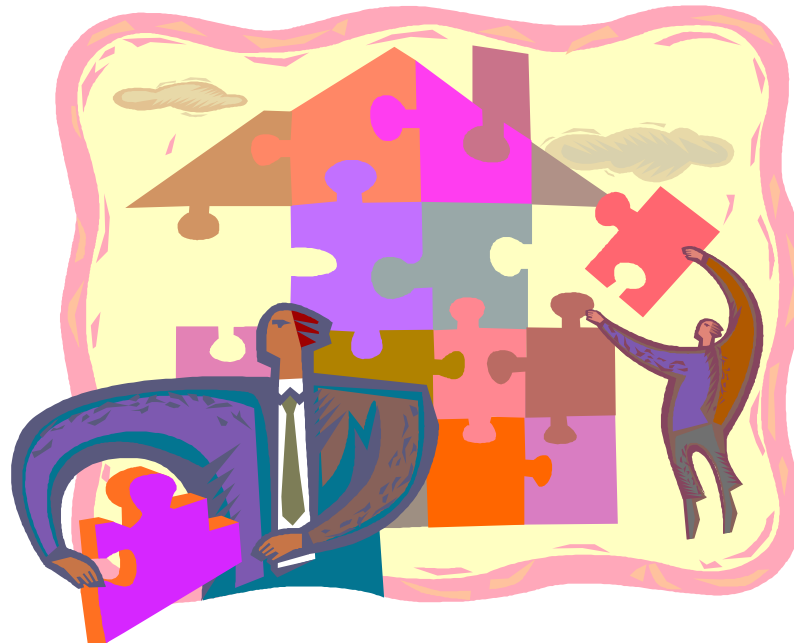
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At least 1568 people are homeless in the metro area at any point in time

At least 6,500 people annually

- 20% chronically homeless (long term homeless and disabled)
- 8% mentally ill
- 10% chronic substance use
- 26% people in families

The Seven Goals of Our 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness





The Seven Goals of Our 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

Goal 1 **Prevention**

Goal 2 Easy, immediate and appropriate access to all **services**

Goal 3 Create **housing** to meet the needs

Goal 4 Construct and sustain **actions that end homelessness**

Goal 5 **Culturally competent** services

Goal 6 Housing and service to specific to the needs of **chronically homeless**

Goal 7 **Data** to support goals to end homelessness



Progress

Biggest markers so far:

- HUD CoC NOFA award resulted in full funding of new projects – \$2.3 million annually
- 400 Permanent Supportive Housing beds, up from about 21 beds in 2007.
- Focused collaborative efforts toward accessing services – using mainstream services more for the safety net
 - Development of the SOAR Program – rapid approval for SSI
 - Increase of HUD VASH – Veteran Housing with an emphasis on housing people from chronic homelessness



Progress

- Task Forces focus on actions that end homelessness – always asking the question...

“If we take this course of action will it increase system change to end homelessness?”



Progress

100K Homes Campaign

- Housed 88 people, ill and long time homeless housed in 10 months
- Homelessness Review Team formed to continue interdisciplinary responsibility to house people most ill.

Prevention Study – what is our local landscape of service to prevent homelessness?

- Result: Need central access system, flexible funding and target services to people almost homeless



Continue to understand new national information

- HEARTH Act 2009 (Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing)
- National Alliance to End Homelessness – research, data, methods that work
- United States Interagency Council on Homelessness –
 - Opening Doors: Federal Plan to End Homelessness



Current MACCH Strategic Plan

Create effective, efficient community response to homelessness

- Develop central access for housing emergencies (prevention and intervention)
- Increase housing and services to keep the housing
- Measure system performance to improve

Outcomes:

Fewer people entering homelessness

Shorter periods of homelessness

Fewer people returning to homelessness



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